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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 April 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-30 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-30 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. This Office Action is in response to applicant's amendment dated April 8, 2004 in response to PTO Office Action dated February 11, 2004. Applicant's remarks have been carefully considered resulting in the action as set forth herein below.
2. Applicant's arguments filed April 8, 2004 have been fully considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1, 2, 3, 10, 11, 16, 22, 26 and 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Reference 4,816,815 to Yoshiba.
 - a. Regarding claim 1, Yoshiba **discloses** a dual frame buffer system (Figure 1), comprising: a first frame buffer (first display memory (VRAM) 16); a second frame buffer (second VRAM 24); and a controller (CRTC 22) for copying updated data from the first frame buffer (first display memory (VRAM) 16) to the second frame buffer (second VRAM 24) when updated data is needed to refresh the display monitor (col. 3, lines 47-68; col. 4, lines 1-8).
 - b. Regarding claim 2, Yoshiba et al. **discloses** wherein the controller (CRTC 22) coordinates refresh of the display monitor using data stored in the second frame buffer (second VRAM 24) and data updated within the first frame buffer (first display memory (VRAM) 16) (col. 4, lines 3-5).

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- c. Regarding claims 3 and 11, Yoshiba **discloses** the dual frame buffer system, further comprising: a first address generator (display address counter 155, Fig. 5) corresponding to the first frame buffer (display data buffer 164, Fig. 5); a second address generator (display address counter 130, Fig. 5) corresponding to the second frame buffer (display data buffer 166); and a timing generator (sync signal generator for crt 158) for coordinating the timing between the first and second address generators (display address counter 155, 130 Fig. 5) for refreshing the display monitor.
- d. Regarding claims 10, it is similar in scope to claim 2 above and is rejected under the same rationale.
- e. Regarding claims 16 and 22, they are similar in scope to claim 10 above and are rejected under the same rationale.
- f. Regarding claim 26, it is similar in scope to claim 1 above and is rejected under the same rationale.
- g. Regarding claim 27, it is similar in scope to claim 11 above and is rejected under the same rationale.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claims 4-6, 12-15, 17-19, 21, 23-25, 28, 29 and 30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 4,816,815 to Yoshiba as applied to claim 3 above, in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,757,364 to Ozawa et al.

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- a. Regarding claims 4 and 12, Yoshiba **does not disclose** a detector for detecting when an update is made to the data in the first frame buffer; and a decoder for decoding the location of the updated data. Ozawa et al. **discloses** a detector (window type table 132, comparator 118) for detecting when an update is made to the data in the first frame buffer; and a decoder (selector 121) for decoding the location of the updated data (col. 4, lines 36-48; col. 5, lines 1-67; col. 6, lines 1-41). Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time invention was made to modify Yoshiba with the feature “detector and decoding and transmitting only the updated data” as taught by Ozawa et al. **because** it provides for efficiently rendering frames by transmitting only the updated data and provides for efficient real time displaying dynamic images (col. 1, lines 40-67).
- b. Regarding claims 5 and 13, Yoshiba **discloses** wherein the first frame buffer comprises a plurality of regions (col. 3, lines 56-65).
- c. Regarding claims 6 and 14, they are similar in scope to claim 4 above and are rejected under the same rationale.
- d. Regarding claims 15, 17, 21 and 23, they are similar in scope to claim 12 above and are rejected under the same rationale.
- e. Regarding claims 18, 24 and 28, they are similar in scope to claim 13 above and are rejected under the same rationale.
- f. Regarding claims 19 and 25, they are similar in scope to claim 14 above and are rejected under the same rationale.
- g. Regarding claim 29, it is similar in scope to claim 4 above and is rejected under the same rationale.

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- h. Regarding claim 30, it is similar in scope to claim 6 above and is rejected under the same rationale.
7. Claims 7-9 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 4,816,815 to Yoshiba as applied to claim 1 above, in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,790,138 to Hsu.
- a. Regarding claims 7 and 9, Yoshiba **does not disclose** wherein the first frame buffer is part of a unified memory architecture. Hsu **discloses** a computer unified memory architecture system wherein the first frame buffer (frame buffer memory 304b) is part of a unified memory architecture (col. 3, lines 65-67; col. 4, lines 1-9). Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time invention was made to modify Yoshiba with the feature "frame buffer as part of a unified memory architecture" as taught by Hsu **because** it provides for a lower system cost (col. 1, lines 62-65).
- b. Regarding claim 8, Yoshiba as modified by Hsu **discloses** wherein the second frame buffer (expansion frame buffer memory 306) stores data used to refresh the display monitor (col. 3, lines 65-67; col. 4, lines 1-9).
- c. Regarding claim 20, it is similar in scope to claim 9 above and is rejected under the same rationale.

Conclusion

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Dalip K. Singh** whose telephone number is **(703) 305-3895**. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thu (8:00AM-6:30PM) Fridays off.

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